Poaching of migratory birds at Chilka lake in Orissa

2112. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale poaching of migratory birds is continuing at the Chilka lake in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to save the migrating birds at Chilka lake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Precautionary measures have, however, been taken to protect the migratory birds. These include posting of protection staff and regular patrolling throughout the lake with motor boats.

New irrigation projects pending with Central Water Commission for clearance

2113. *KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:* Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new irrigation projects pending with the Central Water Commission for clearance at present;

(b) the time normally taken in clearing the projects; and

(c) by when the projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 231.

(b) and (c) About two years for major projects if these are in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and settlement of comments is done promptly by the State authorities.

Research project to identify sources of pollution in Ganga

2114. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some senior faculty members of Banaras Hindu University are working on a crucial research project to identify precise sources of pollution in the Ganga; if so, how much of the work has been finished and what are the findings so far; and

(b) whether there is any move to wind up the project; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Integrated Eco-Development Action Oriented Research Programme on river Ganga Basin comprising 49 studies is being undertaken by 14 Universities located along the river Ganga. Out of these, 14 studies are being undertaken by the Banaras Hindu University with different faculty members functioning as principal investigators. Out of the 14 studies, 6 deal with physico-chemical characteristics of the river including one dealing with identification of sources of pollution; 5 studies deal with the biological profile of the river, and 2 pertain to water borne diseases and socio-economic aspects. The remaining item is for provision of instrument facilities for carrying out the various studies.

(b) The study projects entrusted to BHU were sanctioned in March, 1985 with a time frame of 3 years to be concluded by March, 1988. A special Task Force comprising eminent scientists is monitoring and coordinating the progress of work. The principal investigators have been requested to furnish the outcome of the studies. The findings from the studies are to be evaluated and presented after the reports are reviewed by the Task Force.

बुनकरों द्वारा "जेल भरो" आन्दोलन

2115. **डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई राज्यों में बुनकरों ने "जेल भरो" आन्दोलन आरम्भ कर दिया है ;